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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,790,768
AL European Application 0 992 947
AM European Application 0 717 376
AN European Application 0 493 948
AO French Patent 2 665 003

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA corresponds to German OS 42 24 955, which together with the other above-identified references were identified and discussed at pages 1-4 of the present application. Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

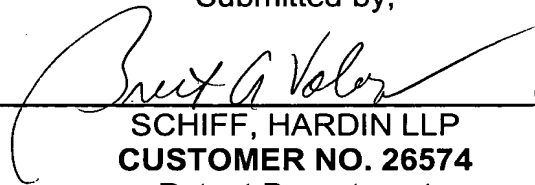
Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

Translations of References AL and AO are not readily available to the Applicant, however, in addition to the aforementioned statements in the specification, each of those references has an English language Abstract attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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